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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: ANTI-MALFUNCTION MECHANISM FOR VARIABLE OUTPUT DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 32 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. P2002-229769
- ☒ 9 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$0.00
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